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Dear Dr. Martin:

This letter extends the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals drinking water laboratory certification for chemistry, microbiology and radiochemistry until May 30, 2014 or until satisfactory completion of all aspects of the 2014 on-site audit.

This extension is due to the impending move of your laboratory from New Orleans to Baton Rouge. The Environmental Protection Agency previously scheduled an audit of the LDHH laboratory to take place in July 2012. However, because your relocation was delayed, the 2012 audit was moved to 2014. This extension is applicable to certificate numbers 141001-2009 (Chemistry and Microbiology) and 141002-2009 (Radiochemistry). Method SM 9221F which was granted interim certification on February 11, 2013 is also included in this current interim certification.

Please notify us of any changes regarding the move of your laboratory. The Region will continue to monitor your performance testing results and will provide technical assistance as necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Ray Clark, Drinking Water Certification Coordinator, at 281-983-2164 or at [clark.rayr@epa.gov](mailto:clark.rayr@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David W. Neleigh".

David W. Neleigh  
Director  
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